Dewan's reply.—The strips of land between boundary marks required by para 17, Rule XXX of the rules under the the Land Revenue Code, to be left unploughed, are not Government land nor the trees standing thereon (unless specially reserved on behalf of Government) the property of Government. Occupants of land are at liberty to take them. If as to ownership, there be a dispute between occupants of two adjacent fields, that will be matter for settlement by the parties in due course.

Subject No 100. Shanbhog and Patel hakdars to officiate by rotation.

Summary of discussion.—Since the introduction of the Potgi system, only one individual out of the several hakdars is recognized to be the Patel of the village. This gives rise to quarrels between him and the other hakdars and to a factious spirit very prejudicial to the village community. Therefore, as in the Bombay Presidency, each hakdar may be allowed to be the Patel of the village in rotation for one or three years. This proposal should also be adopted in the case of Shanbhogs. The individual receiving the Potgi should not be the only recognized Shanbhog of the village, his co-sharers should succeed him in rotation and enjoy the Potgi also. Mr. Malali Kalappa (Representative from Manjarabad Taluk) also brought forward two other classes of cases in which a system of officiating by rotation was necessary. One class is of villages in which there have been more than one Patel officiating jointly. Another class is of villages which before the Survey Settlement were separate villages and had separate Patels but which for the sake of the convenience of Revenue accounts were at the settlement amalgamated two or more together and named after the largest of them in consequence of which the rights of the Patels of the absorbed villages are becoming extinguished.

Dewan's reply.—The subject is under consideration of Government.

Subject No. 101. Seigniorage on Kamara wood.

Summary of discussion.—The existing rate of 10 annas per cubic foot of kamara wood should be reduced, and the old rate of 3 rupees per cart-load revived or let a depôt be established and the wood brought there and sold by auction.

Dewan's reply.—This cannot be done. It is reserved timber called also Karachi.

Subject No. 102. Free grant of Date trees.

Summary of discussion.—Dead Date trees should be given free to the raiyats. The present fee of 4 annas per tree should be abolished. Amildars should dispose of the applications for these trees without reference to the Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. Chikkanna Shetti (Representative from Tumkur District) submitted that decaying or top dry and not merely absolutely dead trees should be allowed to be taken.